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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 117, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission", appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/49/816.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item further at its 62nd and 66th meetings, on 7 and 14 July 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.62 and 66).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.62

3. At the 66th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of Mexico introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission" (A/C.5/49/L.62), submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.62 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolutions 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, and 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), and its subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which was resolution 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peace-keeping operation, the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III, to assist the parties in restoring peace and achieving national reconciliation in Angola on the basis of the Peace Accords, 3/ the Lusaka Protocol 4/ and relevant Security Council resolutions, with an initial mandate period of six months until 8 August 1995 and with a maximum deployment of 7,000 military personnel, in addition to the 350 military observers and 260 police observers and appropriate international and local staff,

Recalling also its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission, and its subsequent resolutions and decisions, the most recent of which was resolution 49/227 of 23 December 1994,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Verification Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Verification Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

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1/ A/49/433/Add.1.

2/ A/49/927.

3/ S/22609, annex.

4/ S/1994/1441, annex.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Verification Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission as at 6 July 1995, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 7,162,443 United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, due to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Verification Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

5. Decides, as an interim measure, pending the submission by the Secretary-General of updated budget information by September 1995 and a detailed report of the Advisory Committee thereon, to appropriate initially to the Special Account for the Verification Mission the amount of 150 million dollars gross (148 million dollars net), for the financing of the Verification Mission for the period from 9 February to 8 August 1995, inclusive of 10,500,000 dollars gross (9,900,000 dollars net) already authorized and assessed under the terms of General Assembly resolution 49/227, and the amount of 50 million dollars gross (49,604,200 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

6. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 10,500,000 dollars gross (9,900,000 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/227, to apportion the additional amount of 139,500,000 dollars gross (138,100,000 dollars net) for the period from 9 February to 8 August 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out by the Assembly in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1995 as set out by the Assembly in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994;

7. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment

income of 1,400,000 dollars approved for the period from 9 February to 8 August 1995;

8. Decides, with regard to the period beyond 8 August 1995, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments at a rate not to exceed 13,900,000 dollars gross (13,300,000 dollars net) per month until 31 December 1995, and that these amounts shall be assessed on Member States, in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Verification Mission beyond 8 August 1995;

9. Invites voluntary contributions to the Verification Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Verification Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

11. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission".